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SUBJ: ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS

1. FOLLOWING ITEMS PICKED UP DURING RECENT CALL ON
NORTHEAST ASIA DIV DIR SEO.

2. CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT - TREATY HAS BEEN LISTED
FORMALLY FOR PRESENTATION TO DIET THIS SESSION. FOREIGN
MINISTER MIYAZAWA HAS BEGUN CONSULTATIONS WITH OPPOSITION
IN LDP. HE HAS TALKED TO UTSUNOMIYA AND SEVERAL OTHER DIET
MEMBERS, ALTHOUGH THE RESULTS ARE NOT YET KNOWN. IF HE IS
NOT SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING CONSENSUS, TREATY WILL BE
DROPPED FROM LIST FOR THIS SESSION.

3. IF CONSENSUS ACHIEVED WITHIN LDP AND TREATY SUBMITTED,
SOME SUPPORT FROM OPPOSITION WILL STILL BE NEEDED TO ENSURE
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PASSAGE. FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS

DIVIDED TEN TO TEN BETWEEN LDP AND OPPOSTION, BUT
CHARMAN (A MEMBER OF LDP) CAN ONLY VOTE IN CASE OF TIE. SHOULD
THE TREATY COME BEFORE COMMITTEE, IT COULD NOT PASS UNLESS AT
LEAST ON OPPOSITION MEMBER EITHER IN FAOR OR ABSENT.

4. KIM TAE-CHUNG - SEO CONFIRMED THAT FORIEGN MINISTER
MIYAZAWA DEEPLY INTERESTED IN SOLUTION TO CASE AND
REQUESTED PAPER ON SUBJECT FROM NORTHEAST ASIA DIVISION. AFTER
READING PAPER, WHICH OUTLINED FAMILIAR REASONS WHY A QUICK
SOLUTION IS DIFFICULT FOR JAPAN, MIYAZAWA COMMENTED THAT
HE HAD "DEEPER UNDERSTANDING" OF PROBLEM. WHETHER HE
AGREES WITH PAPER, SEO NOT AWARE. "IT IS HARD TO KNOW
WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR FOREIGN MINISTER'S MIND", HE
COMMENTED, REFLECTING A VIEWPOINT NOW WIDELY HELD IN
FONOFF.
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